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NEW OFFICES

YOUR PATRONAGE

has necessitated a move

TO LARGER QUARTERS

After twenty years at Third and Broadway, we will be moving to a new location in downtown Dayton.

We will be located on the ground floor in one of the most modern office buildings in the country. This building is just being completed and our quarters will be designed and custom-built to fit our needs.

We will have nearly 1,500 square feet of floor space, combining a small retail outlet with our offices. This will nearly double the capacity of our present location. We will then have adequate room to increase our personnel and serve our customers in a more prompt and efficient manner -- something we have been unable to do in the past few years.

While not the largest, our new offices will be the most modern and efficient numismatic establishment in the world.

COINS AND CHATTER will rate a department of its own. Several new features are being considered, and we are thinking of expanding and possibly making it a quarterly publication. Whatever form is decided upon, one thing is definite -- it will be issued -- and issued regularly!

While all phases of our business will be expanded, there will be no change in business policy or ethics. I will still maintain the same close personal supervision over all transactions.

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Quarter Dollars

1871 (960) Brill. Proof.....	30.00
1872 (950) Brill. Proof.....	30.00
1873 No. Arr. (600) Br. Proof.	32.50
1879 (250) Rare, Brill. Proof..	45.00
1880 Brill. Proof, SPECIAL...	27.50
1882 (1,150) Brill. Proof.....	30.00
1883 (1,094) Brill. Proof.....	32.50
1884 (875) More rare than number struck would indicate. Br. Proof.	37.50
1886 (886) Rare, Br. Proof....	75.00
1889 (711) Brill. Proof.....	45.00
1890 (590) Brill. Proof.....	50.00

UNITED STATES MINT

San Francisco

SILVER ASSAY BAR

Before 1955 - - - Oval Seal

999.75 Fine; Approximately 20 Oz.
Silver value app. \$22.50 @ 1.07 Oz.

Gem Condition Bar \$35.00

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Several similar Bars, 1956, with Round Seal.

New Condition \$ 27.50

NEW OFFICES

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When this move is completed, on or before February 1st, 1959, we will be able to combine our years of numismatic experience with the most modern methods and equipment available. We are very proud of this step forward and grateful to the friends and customers who have made it possible.

To avoid mail confusion, we will announce our future address at a later date.

Two Cent Pieces

1864 Sm. Motto, Choice Unc...	\$85.00
1864 Sm. Mt. Ext. Fine-Ab. Unc.	50.00
1864 Sm. Mt. Choice V. Fine....	37.50
1864 Lg. Mt. (470), Br. Proof....	67.50
1864 Lg. Motto, Unc. red.....	5.00
1864 Lg. M.; V. Fine 1.50; Ab. Unc.	2.50
1864 Lg. M., V. Good-Fine.....	.50
1865 (500) Choice Br. Proof.....	37.50
1865 Uncirculated red.....	6.00
1865 V. Gd-Fine 50¢; Abt. Unc..	3.00
1866 Uncirculated, red.....	12.50
1866 Ext. Fine-Abt. Unc.....	5.00
1866 V. Gd. 1.25; Fine.....	2.50
1867 Uncirculated, red.....	12.50
1867 V. Fine 3.50; Abt. Unc..	5.00
1867 V. Good 1.25; Fine....	2.50
1868 Uncirculated, red.....	12.50
1868 V. Fine 3.50; Abt. Unc..	5.00
1868 V. Good 1.25; Fine.....	2.50

All "Fine" 2¢ Pieces have full "We" in motto.

1869 Uncirculated, red.....	12.50
1869 Ext. Fine-Abt. Unc.....	5.00
1869 V. Good 1.50; Fine....	2.75
1870 Uncirculated, red.....	18.50
1870 V. Good 2.00; Fine....	4.50
1871 (960), Brill. Proof.....	37.50
1871 Uncirculated, red.....	20.00
1871 Ext. Fine-Abt. Unc.....	12.50
1871 V. Good 3.00; Abt. Fine..	5.00
1872 Choice red Proof.....	60.00
1872 Uncirculated, red.....	45.00
1873 Total coinage only 600 pieces. Choice Proof.....	145.00

COMPLETE SET

1864 - 1873 Two Cent Pieces
The 1873 is a choice Proof; all other dates, including the 1864 Sm. Motto, are Uncirculated.

A CHOICE SET, ONLY.....\$335.00

THE FASCINATING SIGLOS
OF
DARIUS HYSTASPIS

Like millions of other people with a deep interest in old and historic things, I have always wanted to be a museum curator, an ambition frustrated during half a lifetime of toiling in other professions, until a chance glance into the window of a coin dealer's store solved the problem.

I purchased that day my first Ancient coins and became at once the proprietor and Curator of Everyman's Vest-Pocket Museum of Antiquities! In a matter of seconds I can step from the routine tasks of my everyday profession into a world of Art and Drama, Archaeology and Research! Here, let me show you from my coat pocket I whisk a small paper packet and slide into the palm of your hand a coin which was old when Christ was a boy in Nazareth, which had passed through thousands of hands before David fought Goliath, and which may have been in the belt-pouch of the great Hebrew leader Nehemiah when he and his men rebuilt Jerusalem after the Babylonian Captivity.

Minted between 521 B.C. and 486 B.C. this is the fascinating silver Siglos of King Darius of Persia, successor of Cyrus the Great. Holding that coin, you hold more than 2,400 years of history in the hollow of your hand!

At the present moment American collectors have the unique opportunity to purchase the Siglos of Darius at what is, considering its great antiquity, a very low price, owing to the discovery of a small hoard which has recently come onto the market. No collection of "Ancients" is complete without one.

A small thick blob of pure silver, it has a deep incuse punch on the reverse, and on the flattened obverse a well-defined image of King Darius, crowned, kneeling on his right knee, brandishing a bow in his left hand and carrying a short spear in his right.

According to Herodotus, each young Persian was taught by his preceptors three main things -- "To ride, to draw the bow, to speak the truth."

In this silver coin (and its running mate, the beautiful golden "daric," indubitably so named because first minted and issued, like the Siglos, by King Darius) the Persian monarch chose to represent and emphasise to his people the power and importance of the second or central precept. The bowman was the fighter par excellence in

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U. S. Small Cents
FLYING EAGLE **INDIAN HEAD**

1857 Choice Unc.....	\$18.00
1857 Ext. Fine 7.50; Ab. Unc.	10.00
1857 Fine 2.50; V. Fine...	4.00
1857 Good 1.00; V. Good....	1.50
1858 Lg. letters, choice Unc..	38.50
1858 Lg. Lt. V. Fine plus...	7.50
1858 Lg. Lt. V. Gd. 2.25; Fine.	3.75
1858 Sm. letters, choice Unc.	40.00
1858 Sm. L. Fine 3.50; V. F..	6.00
1858 Sm. L. Good 1.00; V. G..	1.35

INDIAN HEAD

1859 Fine 2.50; V. Fine.....	3.50
1859 Good 75¢; V. Good....	1.25
1860 V. Fine-Ext. Fine.....	3.75
1860 V. Gd. 1.00; Fine.....	2.00
1861 Very scarce, Unc.....	22.50
1861 Pract. Uncirculated.....	15.00
1861 V. Gd. 3.25; Fine....	7.50
1862 Br. Uncirculated.....	5.00
1862 V. Gd. 75¢; Fine....	1.50
1863 V. Fine 2.00; Br. Unc..	4.50
1863 V. Good 65¢; Fine....	1.25
1864 Copper nickel, Br. Unc..	10.00
1864 C. N. V. Gd. 2.50; Fine.	5.00

1864 "L" ON RIBBON

Red Uncirculated.....	82.50
Choice Fine-V. Fine.....	30.00
Good 6.00; V. Good.....	10.00

1864 Bronze, Unc. red.....	12.50
1864 Br. V. Gd. 1.00; Fine...	3.00
1865 Uncirculated, red.....	10.00
1865 V. Good 1.00; Fine...	2.50
1866 Choice Unc. red.....	45.00
1866 Ext. Fine - Abt. Unc.....	25.00
1866 Fine 10.00; V. Fine....	15.00
1866 Nearly full "Liberty."	
About Fine.....	7.50
1866 Good 3.75; V. Good....	6.00
1867 Fine 9.00; V. Fine....	12.50
1867 Good 3.50; V. Good....	5.00
1868 Fine-V. Fine.....	15.00
1868 Good 4.00; V. Good....	6.00
1869 Choice Ext. Fine.....	28.50
1869 Most of "Liberty"; Ab. F..	12.50
1869 Good 6.00; V. Good...	9.00
1870 Uncirculated, red.....	40.00
1870 Fine 15.00; V. Fine...	22.50
1870 Good 6.00; V. Good...	8.50
1871 Brill. Proof.....	75.00
1871 Choice V. Fine plus.....	32.50
1871 Good 7.50; V. Good....	10.00
1872 Brill. Proof.....	85.00
1872 V. Fine-Ext. Fine.....	42.50
1872 V. Good 12.50; Fine..	25.00
1873 Uncirculated, red.....	22.50
1873 V. Fine 6.75; Ab. Unc..	12.50
1873 Good 1.50; V. Good....	2.50
1874 Fine 4.50; Unc, red....	18.50

1874 Good 1.25; V. Good....	2.00
1875 Uncirculated, red.....	20.00
1875 V. Good 2.50; Fine....	4.75
1876 Brilliant Proof.....	30.00
1876 Uncirculated, red.....	25.00
1876 V. Good 4.50; Fine....	7.50

1877 Practically Unc., some traces of red. A real value	125.00
1877 Fine and rare.....	47.50
1877 Good 25.00; V. Good...	35.00

1878 Fine 9.50; Unc. red...	25.00
1878 Good 3.00; V. Good...	5.00
1879 Unc. brilliant red.....	9.00
1879 V. Good 50¢; Fine....	2.00
1880 Brilliant Proof.....	12.50
1880 Brill. Unc. SPECIAL...	7.50
1880 V. Good 35¢; Fine....	2.00
1881 Unc. brilliant red.....	8.50
1881 V. Fine-Ext. Fine.....	2.50
1881 V. Good 25¢; Fine....	1.25
1882 V. Fine 2.00; Br. Unc....	8.00
1882 V. Good 25¢; Fine.....	1.25
1883 Brilliant Proof.....	10.00
1883 V. Fine 1.50; Br. Unc..	5.00
1883 V. Good 25¢; Fine.....	1.00
1884 Brilliant Proof.....	15.00
1884 Uncirculated, red.....	10.00
1884 V. Good 50¢; Fine....	3.00
1885 Unc, brilliant red.....	17.50
1885 Choice V. Fine.....	6.75
1885 V. Good 1.50; Fine....	4.75
1886 V. Fine-Ext. Fine.....	5.00
1886 V. Good 75¢; Fine....	3.00
1887 Unc., brilliant red.....	6.00
1887 Fine 1.00; Ext. Fine....	2.50

All Indian Cents sold as "Fine" have full "Liberty."

1888 Fine 1.25; Br. Unc.....	5.00
1889 V. Fine 1.50; Br. Unc....	5.00
1890 Ext. Fine 2.50; Br. Unc...	5.00
1891 Ext. Fine 2.50; Br. Unc....	5.50

SIGLOS (Silver) B.C. 521-486
ANCIENT PERSIA, B.C. 521-486.
King Darius as archer kneeling with bow, quiver and spear. Rev: Irregular oblong incuse punch. Very similar to the gold Daric of the same period.

This is a fine example of the very early ancient coinage at a reasonable price. Also mentioned and illustrated on page 13 in "Coins of Bible Days."

Very Fine	\$15.00
Fine	10.00

Satisfaction guaranteed or your money back

U.S. GOLD COINS

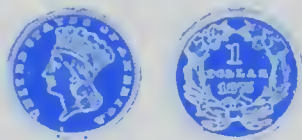
GOLD DOLLARS

1849 Open wreath, V. Fine....	\$15.00
1849 Closed wreath, Br. Unc....	27.50
1849 D Mint, Choice Unc.....	65.00
1849 O Mint, V. Fine plus.....	18.50
1850 Pract. Uncirculated.....	18.50
1850 C Mint, V. Fine but loop - removed. Shows sweating, rare	45.00
1851 Extremely Fine.....	15.00
1851 C Mint, rare, Unc.....	75.00
1851 C Mint, V. Fine.....	45.00
1851 O Mint, V. Fine.....	17.50
1852 V. Fine plus.....	16.00
1852 C Mint, V. Fine.....	47.50
1852 O Mint, Uncirculated.....	22.50
1853 V. Fine 15.00; Abt. Unc....	17.50
1853 C Mint, slightly rough surface, otherwise V. Fine.....	42.50
1853 O Mint, Brill. Unc.....	25.00

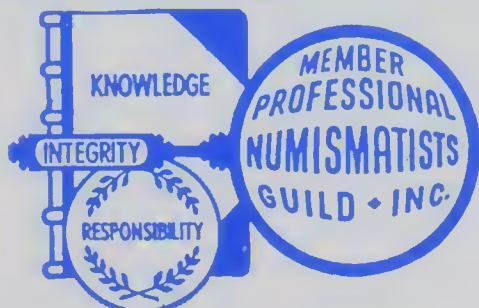
LARGE SIZE - TYPE #2

1854 Unc. very scarce.....	35.00
1854 V. Fine 22.50; Ex. Fine..	27.50
1855 C Mint, Fine-V. Fine, shows trace of rusty die, as usual. Barely noticeable scratch, seldom better.....	35.00
1855 O Mint, V. Fine scarce....	30.00

TYPE #3



1856 Upright 5, V. Fine plus...	17.50
1857 Abt. Unc, mint lustre.....	18.50
1857 C Mint, Loop removed and slightly rough. Fine, rare.....	27.50
1859 S Mint, Ext. Fine, rare....	40.00
1861 Uncirculated.....	22.50
1868 Proof-like gem, rare.....	50.00
1873 Open 3, Brill. Proof, only 25 struck in Proof, very rare...	85.00
1874 Uncirculated.....	25.00
1876 Pract. Unc, rare.....	37.50
1878 Proof-like gem, rare.....	60.00
1879 Proof surface, a gem.....	47.50
1880 Proof-like gem, a beauty..	87.50
1880 Polished like Proof, a rare and beautiful coin.....	60.00
1882 Proof-like gem.....	35.00
1885 Brill. Uncirculated.....	28.50
1886 Proof-like gem.....	35.00
1887 Brill. Uncirculated.....	30.00
1889 Brill. Uncirculated.....	25.00



THE FASCINATING SIGLOS (continued)

Ancient Persia.

Darius the king has left us many carved rock inscriptions -- notably the enormous "Rock of Behistum" -- and in many of them, including Behistum, he protests frequently against "lies" which he seems to conceive as the embodiment of all evil.

Aeschylus termed the Persians "the valiant-minded people"; and all ancient writers eulogize the elan, dash, boldness in battle of Persian troops, which was witnessed so markedly at Thermopylae and Plataea.

Xenophon and Herodotus tell us that while the sword of the Persian soldier was little more than a dagger, and his spear of seven feet a midget weapon compared to the twenty-one feet long spears of the Greeks, the Persian bow was immensely powerful. From the coin impression it appears to be about four feet long. Seen in Persian sculptures it is often considerably bent in the middle and was carried slung on the left shoulder or in a bow-case hung at the left side. The arrows, metal-tipped and feathered, were about thirty inches long, carried in quivers hung at the back near the left shoulder.

Not shown on the coin, for lack of room, is the wicker shield, similar to the big wattled shield of the Assyrians, which the Persian archer planted upright on the ground, supported by a crutch; from behind it he shot his arrows with amazing accuracy and deadly effect.

In the battle actions fought by the famous "light horse cavalry" of Persia, such as the clouds of swift horsemen who, under Tissaphernes, continually charged and harassed the well-known "Ten Thousand" in their March to the Sea, it was the flights of arrows which the Persians shot from horseback that wrought such havoc in the ranks of the enemy. "The Persian mounted archers turned in the saddle and shot arrows backwards," again with terrible effect.

The fighting Parthians, who in the days of the Roman Empire were the only nation equal in battle to the grim legions from the Tiber, used exactly the same battle skills and tactics, having learned from their Persian predecessors.

Darius, and Cyrus before him, are both eulogized in the Holy Bible as kings who were tolerant and sympathetic to the Twelve Tribes of Israel whom they found living as a subjugated

THE FASCINATING SIGLOS (continued)

minority at Babylon. After half a century, the Israelites had long ceased to be "captives" and had become bankers and traders. Cyrus permitted those who would to return and rebuild Jerusalem, but of the twelve tribes only Judah and a quarter of the tribe of Benjamin went back. Darius, elected by powerful clans to the throne after the upsetting reign of the famous Cambyses, restored pure Zoroastrianism, a worship teaching spiritual Monotheism very much in tune with the Hebrew worship of Jehovah; like Cyrus, Darius made large grants of money, cattle, corn, etc. from the royal stores, to help the returned Jews now restoring the Temple in Jerusalem.

Darius was the first Persian King to issue coinage on a large scale. The weight of the Siglos is from 224 to 230 grains, and the Daric 124 grains of pure gold. So far as we know, these were the only types of coin ever issued by the Persian mint. The Siglos coin was also known as a "silver Daric," and the name "Daric" is a strong argument in favor of the claim that Darius actually was the first Persian king to mint money.

Monarchy was no bed of roses for King Darius. Eleven rebellions broke out in his provinces in six years, all being quelled, Darius fighting with his men in the field in many of these wars. He was a military strategist who has been underrated by historians, a shrewd and daring battle commander, warm-hearted and well-loved by his soldiers, often merciful to conquered foes. He established a non-stop day-and-night "pony express" courier service throughout his Empire, was a patron of arts and literature, and as master-statesman, builder, organizer, administrator, lifted Persia to the heights as a great power of the Ancient World.

In the Book of Nehemiah (Holy Bible), chapter 7, it is revealed that vast sums of gold and silver were taken from Babylon to Jerusalem for the cost of rebuilding the Holy City and Temple. Possibly this very silver Siglos in your hand was conveyed by Nehemiah's caravan to Jerusalem during the Biblical period of the Great Return! If so, it formed part of the first coinage ever known and used in Palestine, the Holy Land!

-- Harry Leigh-Pink

RUSSIA'S PETER THE GREAT
AND HIS MONEY

The coins of Russia have always presented a somewhat unusual picture inasmuch as they are not quite like other European coins.

The earliest coins were of a crude type and it was only due to Peter The Great's enlightened policies that European machinery was installed and the striking of round coins initiated on a large basis. However, even the first Roubles and divisions thus struck are typically Russian inasmuch as they have the dates still in the old Russian figures rather than in the customary Arabian figures.

The later issues of Peter are equal in quality to French and British crowns and were issued from both his old capital at Moscow and Peter's newly-built St. Petersburg metropolis on the Baltic, using the mint marks M and SPB respectively. Under his successors, and up to comparatively recent times, several other mints were in operation throughout the vast empire -- such as the great Siberian center of Jekaterinoslav or Ekaterinenburg.



During the rule of the last czar, Nicholas II, Moscow and St. Petersburg alone were left as mints and the Soviets abolished St. Petersburg as a mint city soon after they established their capital at Moscow, where it had been in the first place before Peter decided to found St. Petersburg.

-- Hans Holzer

SMALL SIZE NOTES

Legal Tender

One Dollar Notes

1928 FR-1384, only issue of this denomination. Scarce, Unc... \$ 9.00

Two Dollar Notes

1928 D, FR-3189, Unc..... 6.50
1928 F, FR-1391, Unc..... 5.00
1928 G, FR-1392, Unc..... 4.00

HAWAII EMERGENCY NOTE

\$1.00 1935 A, FR-2126. World War II Emergency Note. HAWAII surcharged on obverse and reverse. A real get-acquainted bargain!
Crisp Unc \$ 2.95

PAPER MONEY

LEGAL TENDER NOTES

One Dollar Notes

1874 Fr-19, rare, Unc..... \$ 125.00
1875 FR-26, scarce, Unc..... 27.50
1878 FR-27, scarce, Unc..... 27.50
1880 FR-28, Uncirculated..... 17.50
1917 FR-36, Uncirculated..... 6.00
1917 FR-37, Uncirculated..... 6.00
1923 FR-40, very scarce, Unc.. 22.50
1923 Same, Abt. Unc..... 15.00

Two Dollar Notes

1874 FR-43, very rare, Unc ... 235.90
1880 FR-56, rare, Abt. Unc... 25.00
1917 FR-60, all large size \$2.00
Notes are scarce in nice condition.
A good investment, Unc. ONLY.. 12.50
1917 Same, Abt. Unc..... 9.00

Five Dollar Notes

1862 FR-61 "First Obligation"
V. Fine..... 30.00
1863 FR-63, a beautiful well-centered Note. Crisp Uncirculated..... 90.00
1869 FR-64 First and only year of this type. Crisp Unc, SPECIAL.. 45.00
1880 FR-71, rare, Unc..... 47.50
1880 FR-73, rare (75.00) Unc.. 62.50
1907 FR-85 (Cat. 20.00) Cr. Unc 15.00
1907 FR-91 (20.00) Crisp Unc.. 15.00
1907 Same, Abt. Unc..... 9.00

Ten Dollar Notes

1880 FR-103 "Jackass Note", rare, V. Fine..... 35.00
1880 FR-111, similar. Hand-auto-graphed by the Treasurer, D.N.Morgan Very rare, Uncirculated..... 85.00
1901 FR-121, Lewis & Clark, Fine..... 15.00
1901 FR-122, Abt. Unc..... 25.00

Twenty Dollar Notes

1880 FR-147, rare, Abt. Unc.... 47.50
1880 Same, V. Good plus..... 27.50

SILVER CERTIFICATES

One Dollar Notes

1886 FR-215, Martha Washington, V. Fine plus..... 20.00
1886 FR-217, V. Good..... 7.50
1891 FR-223, V. Good..... 6.00
1896 FR-224 "History Instructing Youth," Abt. Fine..... 10.00
1899 FR-226, scarce (17.50) Unc. 15.00
1899 Same, Abt. Unc, crisp..... 10.00
1899 FR-227, scarce (20.00) Unc. 17.50
1899 FR-233 (7.50) Unc..... 6.50
1899 FR-235 (7.50) Unc..... 6.50
1899 FR-236 Cr. Unc, SPECIAL.. 5.75
1923 FR-237 Uncirculated..... 5.00
1923 Same, Abt. Unc..... 3.75
1923 FR-238, Uncirculated..... 6.00

SILVER CERTIFICATES

Two Dollar Notes

1896 FR-247 Very rare "Educational Note." Crisp Uncirculated.... 235.00
1896 Same, Abt. Fine..... 35.00
1899 FR-252 Ext. Fine..... 10.00
1899 FR-256, scarce, Unc..... 15.00
1899 FR-257, slight stain, Unc.. 12.50

Five Dollar Notes

1886 FR-261, five silver dollars on reverse. Ext. Fine-Abt. Unc.
A choice rare Note 75.00
1896 FR-268, Abt. Fine..... 17.50
1899 FR-271, rare (50.00) Unc.. 37.50
1899 Same, V. Fine..... 20.00
1899 FR-273, Uncirculated..... 20.00
1899 FR-275, Abt. Unc. crisp... 17.50
1923 FR-282 "Lincoln" Unc.... 50.00

Ten Dollar Notes

1880 FR-288, V. Good, no tears or damage. An acceptable example of this very rare Note 45.00
1886 FR-293, rare. V. Fine.... 40.00
1908 FR-304, Fine 20.00

TREASURY OR COIN NOTES

One Dollar Notes

1891 FR-350, good color, well centered. Crisp Unc..... 37.50
1891 FR-351, rare. Unc..... 30.00
1901 FR-352, rare, Unc..... 30.00

Five Dollar Notes

1891 FR-362, rare. Abt. Unc... 37.50
1891 FR-364, rare. Crisp Unc.. 47.50

We are very much interested in obtaining collections or accumulations of all large size Notes in choice condition. Will buy any quantity, common or greatest rarities, if price and condition is satisfactory.

NATIONAL BANK NOTES

Five Dollar Notes

Bucyrus, Ohio, FR-467, Unc... 27.50
Addison, N.Y., FR-537, V. F... 20.00
Yonkers, N.Y., FR-598, Unc.. 12.50

Ten Dollar Notes

Middletown, Ohio, FR-416, First Charter, rare (\$60), Fine..... 35.00
Cincinnati, Ohio, FR-419, First Charter (\$60.00) Fine..... 35.00
Lebanon, Ohio, FR-542, F-VF.. 22.50
Youngstown, Ohio, FR-577. Fine and rare 30.00
Ashtabula, Ohio, FR-616, Unc.. 25.00

Twenty Dollar Notes

Bedford, Iowa, FR-555, rare, VF. 40.00
Pittsburgh, Pa., FR-656, Ab. Un. 37.50